

ALLIES, PARTNERS AND OPPORTUNITIES

ALLY BUILDING: WHAT IS AN ALLY?



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Ally vs. Partner?

Ally

- An ally is any person who supports, empowers, or stands up for another person or a group of people.
- Example: someone joining a group where they don't fit the target demographic (e.g., male joining LWV)
- When you give support to others, you are developing allies for your own groups and causes--in fact there is probably no better way to make an ally than to be one to someone else.

Partner

- A person or group who is associated with another group in a common activity or interest.
- Example: a League joining with another voter registration organization to achieve their shared project/goal.
- One of the best ways to be effective is to use partner as a *verb*, rather than as a *noun*.

“5 Tips for Being an Ally” Video

Find the video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_dg86g-QLM0

- 1: Understand Your Privilege
- 2: Listen and Do Your Homework
- 3: Speak Up, But Not Over
- 4: You'll Make Mistakes! Apologize When You Do
- 5: Ally is a VERB

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Question #1

REVIEW THE DEFINITIONS OF DEI

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Question #2

WHAT POSSIBLE DEI
ACTIONS COULD YOUR
LOCAL LEAGUE TAKE TO:

- REACH OUT TO DIVERSE GROUPS?
 - ATTRACT DIVERSE GROUPS?

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Question #3

WHAT ACTIONS COULD I TAKE TO
BECOME A BETTER ALLY
TO DIVERSE GROUPS?

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Question #4

WHAT COMMITMENT
WILL I MAKE
TO REALIZE AT LEAST ONE
OF THESE ACTIONS?

WHO CAN I ASK TO HELP ME?

Questions?

If you're interested in further learning on
Allies and Ally-building,

**tear off the bottom of your worksheet
and hand it to one of our friendly volunteers.**

You'll hear from us soon!

Working Relationships Allies, Partners & Coalitions



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President, LWV Bay Area



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Why Work in Partnership?

Coalitions or partnerships are created to bring about collective action at the national, state or local level. Leagues have worked with other organizations/groups on a broad range of issues for years; often serving in the role of chief “convener” or spokesperson.

Why Work in Partnership?

- These joint efforts can help maximize the League's effectiveness on many issues by:
 - Empowering organizations to pool resources and brainpower to foster more strategic and effective action
 - Enabling better communication and collaboration between like-minded organizations
 - Increasing diversity by bringing together new or alternative voices
 - Bringing about a greater impact than organizations could make on their own

https://my.lwv.org/sites/default/files/leagues/wysiwyg/%5Bcurrent-user%3Aog-user-node%3A1%3Atitle%5D/working_with_allied_groups.pdf

Voters Choice Act Coalition

- American Civil Liberties Union of California
- Asian Americans Advancing Justice-California
- California Common Cause
- Disability Rights California
- National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials Educational Fund

LWVC PARTNERS Redistricting

- Common Cause
- McGeorge School of Law

LWVC

VOTING RIGHTS PARTNERS

- The California Channel
- The California State Library
- The Future of California Elections
- Mi Familia Vota
- Maplight
- ABC10 TV
- The Latino Community Foundation
- We Are California
- CHIRLA
- California LULAC
- The Civics Center
- The California Advancement Project
- Mi Familia Vota
- Disability Rights California
- CALPIRG
- California PTA
- Sacramento ACT - YWCA
- Disability Organizing Network
- 18 Million Rising
- Asian Americans Advancing Justice
- Sacramento Vote
- California Headstart
- Cal Nonprofits- VOTE WITH YOUR MISSION
- California Voter Foundation
- Future of California Elections
- The California Civic Engagement Project at UC Davis
- CSU Sacramento Project for an Informed Electorate
- San Diego ACLU - Let Me Vote
- California Common Cause
- California Partnership to End Domestic Violence
- Clairemont Town Council

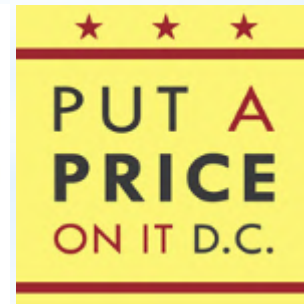
West Contra Costa Planning for Elections & Engagement Panel (PEEPS)

ELECTION ADVISORY COALITION

Concilio Latino	County Registrar
El Cerrito Indivisible	Rubicon (anti-poverty)
Richmond Economic Development	College Democrats
RYSE Center (Youth)	Re-entry Success Center
Bend the Arc (Jewish Social Justice)	Richmond SOL (sports, outreach, leadership)
CCCISCO (Interfaith)	College Democrats
Richmond Progressive Alliance	Indivisible CA
Richmond Latins	El Cerrito Progressives
Safe-Return (returning felons)	

Local Coalitions - LWV DC

As a part of both our advocacy and education work, we partner with a wide variety of nonprofit organizations in our community. We are members of the following coalitions and work closely with them on a wide variety of advocacy and educational issues within the community.





Sample Letter to new allies, coalitions and partners

Dear _____,

I am writing to share with you my personal admiration for your organization's advocacy for (social justice/environmental/voting rights/_____) issues. Your hard work and leadership has truly made a difference over and over again.

I am _____ of the _____ League of Women Voters. The League cares deeply about your mission and I am hoping we can meet to discuss with you how the League can help champion your cause.

Please let me know when you are available. I look forward to getting to know you and learning how we can best work together.

You can find more information about our League on our website _____. Feel free to call me at _____ or email me at _____.

In partnership,

Name
League
Phone number
website

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Thank you partners!



SAVE THE DATE

League of Women Voters of the
Bay Area Biennial Council

April 27, 2019





League of Women Voters of California Convention 2019

Event Date:

May 30, 2019 - 8:00 am to June 2, 2019 - 3:30 am

Event Location:

Pasadena,
United States

Save the date to join us in Pasadena, California for the next League of Women Voters of California Convention in May 2019. Details coming soon.



